REMARKS

Applicants filed an Amendment in this application on April 27, 2006, which was responsive to an Office Action mailed February 2, 2006. Applicants also filed an Information Disclosure Statement and Form SB/08 with the Amendment. Applicants subsequently received an Office Action mailed May 2, 2006. Except for a copy of an initialed Form SB/08 attached to the May 2 Office Action, the May 2 and February 2 Office Actions are identical. Since the May 2 Office Action is duplicative of the February 2 Office Action, and does not address any of the claim changes and remarks set forth in the Amendment of April 27, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that it be withdrawn.

Applicants submit that the pending claims are allowable at least for reasons presented in the Amendment of April 27, 2006. Accordingly, Applicants also respectfully request a new Office Action addressing the Amendment on the merits.

CONCLUSION

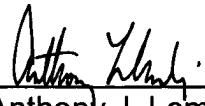
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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